# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
# LOK SABHA

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PRICES OF GENERIC AND BRANDED MEDICINES
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there is a big gap in the prices of generic and patent branded medicines;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether same basic salt is used in both generic and branded medicines and their effect on the diseases is also the same;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the annual average production generic and branded medicines in the country at present;

(e) the share of generic and non-generic medicines in the total medicine sale in the country during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(f) whether the Government is taking any steps to control the prices of drugs and to promote the use of low-cost generic drugs in the country and if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS f SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (c) Prices of drugs contained in National List of Essential Medicines and included in the Frist Schedule of the Drug (Price Control) Order (DPCO), 2013 are fixed as per the provisions contained in the DPCO, 2013. These prices are uniformly applicable to all brands and generic versions of medicines of the same molecule/APIs. All manufacturers of a scheduled drug/formulation have to comply with the price fixed by the Government/NPPA from the date of its notification. If any company is found selling a scheduled drug/formulation at a price higher than the notified price, notice for recovery of the overcharged amount is issued tc So far, demand notices for recovery of overcharged amount have been issued to ll(eieven) companies under DPCO, 2013 and an amount of Rs. 54.58 crores has been recovered as on 28,11.2014.

(d) & (e) Government does not maintain the data relating to production and market share of generic and non-generic medicines.

(f) Ceiling price of drugs under Scheduled category are fixed by NPPA on the market based data taking into account the market price of medicines in generic name and brand name.In order to promote use of low-cost generic drug in the country, a count- rywide campaign in the name of `Jan Aushadhi Campaign` was launched by Department of Pharmaceuticals, in November, 2008. A Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI) was established in December, 2008 under the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Government of India, comprising of all the CPSUs for monitoring the scheme. Government of India propose to open atieast one Jan Aushadhi Store in each of the 630 districts of India but so far 170 Jan Aushadhi Stores have been opened in 15 States out of which 99 are functional. The cost of the medicine sold at Jan Aushadhi Store is much less than the branded medicine sold in the market.